

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs to news@sarl.org.za not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

In the news today:

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

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Visit the SARL Website or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011-675-2393 for details on how to join the SARL, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

The news follows in detail:

ARGUS CYCLE TOUR COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

On Sunday 16 March the annual Argus Cycle Tour takes place in and around the Cape Peninsula. This cycle tour annually attracts more than 29 000 competitors to Cape Town from the interior. On Saturday 15 March the Boland Amateur Radio Club is holding a members' meeting followed by a bring and braai. BARC would like to invite all Radio amateurs who are also taking part in the Argus Cycle Tour to join the Boland Team on the Saturday afternoon for a pleasant get-together on the wine farm of Olivier, ZS1OLI, which is situated in the Agter Paarl. The meeting starts at 11:00 with a braai at about 12:00. A call-in will be held on the 145,750 repeater or you can contact Rassie, ZS1YT, on 083 414 2606 for directions to get there.

ANOTHER MOTORCYCLE BREAKFAST RUN

Following the successful run on 2 March, a second Motorcycle Breakfast Run has been arranged for Sunday 6 April for all interested bikers who are also

amateur radio operators. They will again meet at the NARC at 07:45 and leave at 08:00 for breakfast at Magaliesburg. Anyone interested should please contact Ray Webber at "zs6rsw@global.co.za" or 082 491-8758.

NEW ACT TO PROTECT AMATEUR RADIO IN USA

The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003 has now been introduced in both chambers of Congress. The measures, an ARRL initiative, have been introduced twice before in Congress. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, believes this third time could be the proverbial charm.

SUPPORT GROWING FOR FAVORABLE 40-METER REALIGNMENT PLANS

With World Radio Communication Conference 2003 (WRC-03) set to start in just about three months in Geneva, support is growing for two favorable proposals to create a 300 kHz worldwide 40 meter allocation. ARRL and the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) seek a return to the 300 kHz allocation that existed worldwide prior to World War II but that now exists only in the Americas.

Delegates to WRC-03 will attempt to address—and possibly eliminate—the overlap on 40 meters between amateurs in the Americas (Region 2) and broadcasters elsewhere (Regions 1 and 3).

CRICKET WORLD CUP SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Remember to make an effort to contact the special event station, ZS03CWC which is being operated by the Oakdale Club on all bands 80m to 10m until the 23rd March.

ZS stations can send QSL's to ZS03CWC, PO BOX 2132, BELLVILLE, 7535 and DX stations can send it to ZS1AU on QRZ.COM. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope for a special QSL card which will be available after the 23rd March.

ZS6VOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2003

The 2003 Annual General Meeting for the ZS6VOS club members and old club members will be held at 10:00 on Saturday 5 April at 24 Sonneblomstreet, Visagiepark, Nigel.

Proposals for the agenda can be faxed to 011 814 2835.

Contact persons are Chris at 083 543 5668, Harry at 082 454 4658 and Gideon at 083 672 7754.

The AGM will be followed by a bring-and-braai with own refereshments, food and cutlery.

FREQUENCY AND TIME CHANGES FOR ARMI

From 30 March Amateur Radio Mirror International will be transmitted at 10:00 CAT on 17815 kHz and 9750 kHz and from March 31 the Monday rebroadcast will move one hour later to 21:00 CAT but will continue using the 3215 kHz frequency.

This bulletin was compiled by Gustav, ZS6BWN and read byfrom as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 21560, 9750, and 7082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban, 145,750 MHz in the Pretoria and 438,800 MHz in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 20:00 CAT on 3215 kHz.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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